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It's definitely a Texas product! The popular domino game of 42 originated in the Lone Star State in 1887, and 130 years later, it's thriving popularity has spread worldwide. Hopkins County, Texas is home to several tournaments. One of these is the George Dorner Memorial 42 Tournament, held since 2014 at the Sulphur Bluff Methodist Church on the second Saturday in July. His widow, former Hopkins County Clerk Patricia Dorner, is keeping the heritage rich and healthy.

Dorner was an active member there and a contributing part of his home community. He served in the Masonic Lodge for 50 years, in Eastern Star for 27 years, on the school board and as a charter member of the volunteer fire department. He owned the Sulphur Bluff "Dorner Store" for 28 years. He delighted in the students who attended Sulphur Bluff school; he enjoyed spreading the gospel to them and saw many grow to success as adults. Dorner also loved to catch fish and to fry fish for fundraisers. He also liked to play 42. His family felt that a 42 tournament would make a fitting memorial for him.

This year, 18 teams entered the Memorial Tournament. Winners (pictured below) by team: First Place David Caldwell and Jim Potts; Second Place Travis and Patsy Patridge; Third Place Ronny Martin and Joey Martin. Each of the winners received a custom metal trophy or plaque created by the Sulphur Bluff FFA Department.



First Place, Jim Potts and David Caldwell with Patricia Dorner



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Third Place, Joey Martin and Ronny Martin



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History of 42 taken from Handbook of Texas, 2010

FORTY-TWO (DOMINO GAME). The inauspicious beginning of the domino game 42 occurred in 1887 in the tiny Texas school community of Trapp Spring (now a part of Garner), located in Parker County about forty-five miles west of Fort Worth. Two Trapp Spring boys, William Thomas, age twelve, and Walter Earl, age fourteen, really liked to play cards but were forbidden to do so by the cultural mores of the time. They turned to dominoes, which was not deemed to be sinful. The two boys devised and fine-tuned the rules for a new card game with dominoes called 42. It is a bidding game, with trumps, where two teams of two players each face off against each other in an attempt to win the most points. A standard twenty-eight piece (double-six) domino set is used. The game's name comes from the fact that forty-two points are available each hand. The first team to accumulate 250 points wins the game.

Thomas and Earl introduced the game to their families, and they taught it to their small community. Thomas delivered fruit from his father's orchard to nearby Mineral Wells, and he also taught those townspeople to play 42. Later the Thomases and Earls moved to Fannin County in Northeast Texas, again introducing 42 to the locals. The game quickly spread throughout the state, and by 1940 folks were learning and playing 42 in every corner of Texas. Participants heralded 42 as a fun game that promoted good, clean fellowship. During World War II Texas military men even took the game overseas and taught it to their fellow countrymen.

The game of 42 quickly wove itself into the fabric of Texas communities and families and was passed down orally from generation to generation. Only in the 1990s were the rules, strategy, and history of the game finally published in book form, with *Winning 42: Strategy & Lore of the National Game of Texas*. The book also contains a chapter on famous Texans from all walks of life who grew up playing 42.

More than 120 years later, the game is still quite popular in Texas, where it's played in homes, churches, and clubs, as well as at impromptu neighborly get-togethers. Weekend 42 tournaments, many associated with local festivals, are held in communities throughout the state during the year. Hallettsville hosts an annual state championship, and the Texas Senior Games crowns 42 champions each year. Enthusiasts have also established websites where players of 42 from all over the state or the world can compete against each other anytime, twenty-four hours a day. The game is still being passed on to the future generations of Texans. On June 17, 2011 the game of 42 was designated the official State Domino Game of Texas.

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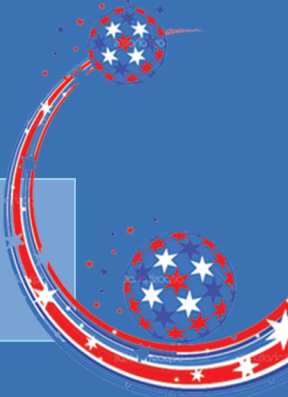
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Danny Wayne Beasley - See Obit On Page 8.



Emma Ruth Davidson

Funeral service for Emma Ruth Davidson, age 86, of Point, will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2017, 1:00 pm, at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel. With Bro. Jason Rolen and Bro. Robert Burns officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday evening, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, at the funeral home. Interment will follow funeral service in Salem Cemetery. Mrs. Davidson passed away Sunday night at her home.

She was born June 30, 1931, in Alba, to Bonnie Olen and Ema Geneva Flowers Morrow. She married Robert Davidson August 8, 1973, in Rockwall. During her working years, Ruth worked in restaurants. She later owned and operated her own restaurant. Mrs. Davidson was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include: Son: Bobby Anderson (Tommie) of Emory; Grandchildren: Robbie Lynn Gonzalez, Kathy Lynn Dieken, Cheryl Hooten, Bryan Anderson, and Misty Pyron; Great-grandchildren: Timothy, Nicholas, Steven, Tori, Cameron, Matthew, Katie, Haley, and David; Great-great-grandchildren: Easton, Jaxon, Aalynn, and Andrew; Numerous other loving family and friends.

Preceded in death by: Parents, Husband, Daughter, Betty Anderson, Brothers, Marshall, Albert, and Gernell; Sisters, Wyoma, Faye, Virginia, and Jane

Doris Rawls



A funeral service for Doris Rawls, age 100, of Sulphur Springs, was held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, July 10, 2017 at Wesley United Methodist Church with Joe Clark officiating. Interment followed at South Liberty Cemetery with Johnny Anderson officiating and with the Harvey/Crusaders Class serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held one hour prior to service. Mrs. Rawls passed away Friday, July 7, 2017, at The Hopkins Place in Sulphur Springs. The family would like to express their thanks for the wonderful care of the staff of Hopkins Place for the last six years as well as Vitas Hospice in the last year

Mrs. Rawls was born on October 25, 1916 in Wills Point, TX to the parents of Jeff and Bertha Burnett Champion. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Sulphur Springs and retired as a teacher from Hopkins County Outreach for Special Needs.

She leaves to cherish her memories, two daughters, Roseann Rawls of Dallas and Reisa Rawls of Middleburg, FL; one son, Reid Rawls (Nancy) of Sulphur Springs, TX; daughter-in-law, Nancy Sue Rawls of Sulphur Springs; three grandchildren, Ricky Rawls of Dallas, TX, Clarice Taylor of Talpa, TX, and Staci Burkham of Sulphur Springs; seven great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren; and sister, Hazel Denver of Winnsboro, TX.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; son, Rodney Rawls; sister, Adeline Haygood.



Sylvia Ray Styles

Graveside services for Sylvia Ray Styles, age 91, of Sulphur Springs were conducted at 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 10, 2017 at Gray Rock Cemetery in Winfield with Rev. Michael Branch officiating. Mrs. Styles passed away on Thursday, July 7, 2017 at Rock Creek Health and Rehab.

She was born on September 12, 1925 in Cessnock, Australia, the daughter of Albert James Fairhall and Mildred Ester Ray Fairhall. She married Denson David Styles on July 14, 1945 in Australia. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Styles was a homemaker.

She is survived by one son, David Styles and wife Laida of Springfield, MO, two daughters, Irene Carrell and husband Tony and Margaret Collins and husband Wesley all of Sulphur Springs, one brother, Tedd Fairhall, 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by parents, son, Grayford Wayne Styles, brothers, Bill and Lez, sisters, Els, Mavis, Verlie and Beryl. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



Morris (Butch) William Bolton

Morris (Butch) William Bolton, age 78, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend went to be with the Lord on July 6, 2017 at his home in Sulphur Springs, TX surrounded by his immediate family.

Morris was born in Greenville, Texas on July 4, 1939 to Luther and Mary Lee Bolton and was quickly nicknamed 'Butch'. His family and close friends called him Butch but his business colleagues and co-workers knew him as Morris. Butch began working with his Winnsboro buddies in the mid 1950s when they caught chickens for Taft Tinney. As the friends married and began to gather annually, they called themselves the Chicken Catchers and have maintained their friendships to this day.

In business, Morris was involved in Southwest Meat Association his entire career, beginning in 1963 with SMA charter member, Pratt Packing Company in Sulphur Springs, TX and culminating with his retirement from Winn Meat Company in 2002. Morris was the first, and one of a very select few individuals to be elected to two terms as Chairman of the SMA Board; 1984-85 and 1987-88. He led the association through some very challenging times and some significant shifts in industry structure. There were times when he organized SMA members to financially support the association when it appeared it might not even survive, thus cementing his legacy in an SMA history that would never have seen its 60th anniversary but for his efforts. Morris' love for SMA and his industry colleagues made him a highly respected leader. He was very active in planning excellent conventions and in fundraising for SMA scholarships. His leadership in the industry earned him the distinction of being one of six inaugural inductees into the SMA Hall of Honor in 2016.

In his leisure time, Butch love golfing, hunting, traveling and many other outdoor activities with family and friends. One of the proudest moments of his life was earning his degree in accounting from East Texas State University, now known as Texas A&M-Commerce. His most important role though was as devoted supporter and role model for his wife, children and grandchildren. Butch is survived by his wife of 57 years, Patsy Bolton; son Terry and Sonja Bolton of Sulphur Springs; daughter Tammy and Michael Raulerson of College Station; granddaughters, Chainie Bolton Collins of Sulphur Springs; Chelbie Bolton Birdwell and Sonny of College Station; Cherish Bolton of Sulphur Springs and Tacey Raulerson of College Station; great-grandson, Will Collins of Sulphur Springs; sister, Barbara Gowen of Colbert, OK; and his loving nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Ned Bolton, Pearl Doris Freeman, Mary Ellen Dickenson and Marbry (Cookie) Ball.

A memorial service was held at 11:00 am Saturday, July 8, 2017 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Terry Bolton officiating and Bro. Jimmy Henry assisting. Visitation was held at 6:00-8:00 pm, Friday, July 7, 2017 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel.

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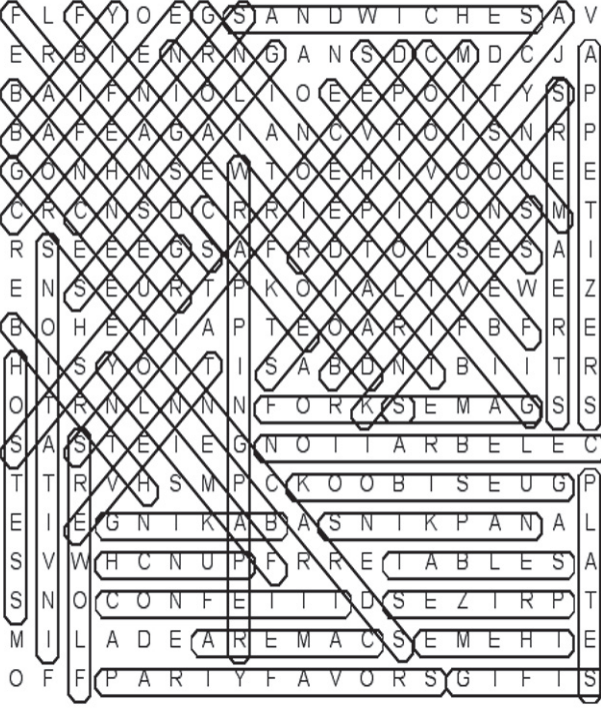
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Who You Gonna Call?...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Not so many years ago, “unhandy” men (like me) when children were asked to do household chores, they might register resistance with beginning letters of four words-- “TNMJ.” (That’s Not My Job.)

Such requests made these days might just as well be directed to telephone poles, since most children have “buds” in their ears, choosing to listen to sounds more soothing or entertaining than parental verbiage.

But wait. The point of this piece is for yours truly, and for other men who realize that when DIY (Do It Yourself) comes up in conversations, we’re better off to respond with “TNMJ.” The plea this day is for

to put “opportunities” for DIY aside. Call someone, maybe even ABS (Anyone But Self)....

We gulp down the “Kool-Aid” from folks with something to sell. They fool us, saying we need You Tube, a few tools and an hour or so for most repairs.

Horse feathers. After all, the song reminds us of summertime, when the living is easy, etc. Mount a project, and life hardens.

We take on projects that “encouragers” say any child can do. Alas, at this point we should pinch ourselves, thus reminded--yet again--that money, time and frustration can be saved by CALLING A PROFESSIONAL...

We need only recall “DIY blunders” of the past to serve as warnings to “steer clear.” We should think of DIY “opportunities” as buoys--bobbing in shallow water--warning us of jagged edges nearby that can pull us down.

Painful as it is to admit, I recall numerous misadventures, one of attempting to increase the tension mechanism of our garage door. I over-tightened it, and it took three people to “hold it down” until the tension could be disengaged. (Let fly, and the double door might have sailed a half-block down the street.)

Then there’s the lost weekend given to laying brick columns for installation of a wrought iron gate. It worked--somewhat--and I thought the leaning columns gave our property “character.” (If I’d just known to “vinegar wash” mortar from my hands properly, there’d have been fewer blisters.)...

Somehow, we think that later in life we can do better with “DIY.” Again, don’t drink the Kool-Aid.

Earlier this year, I noticed the water in the commode in our second bathroom didn’t always turn off without a “jiggle.”

Stupid me! I invested several hours, considerable cash and much an-

guish, believing the guy ter department folks tried at the hardware store who to help.

said all the new “innards” They found nothing would work fine my commode tank. Time will tell if this is correct; a new “outard” part absolutely does not. The dratted flush handle is several silly millimeters too, uh, thick--sticking out too far from the tank....

That’s when I called the Mansfield plumbing people--almost tearfully--to share my plight. The lady soothed, explaining--before I could--what likely had gone wrong. “I’m guessing the raised commode lid prevents the flushing handle from resting against the tank,” she purred. “Often, the wrong handle is unable to shut off the supply, and the water continues to run.”...

We were away 10 days of the billing period, but a springtime water bill was \$322, and the next one, not much better. Plumbers, sprinkler system people and City of Burleson wa-

SALADO LEGENDS CELEBRATES 25 YEARS



Tumbleweed Smith

When Jackie Mills took over the operation of Salado’s Tablerock outdoor theater in 1992, there was \$1.34 in the bank account and some unpaid bills. “It was the first time I had done anything like this and I was an easy mark,” she says. “I just thought it could be a great thing for Salado and surrounding communities.”

She wanted to present an extravaganza on the Tablerock stage featuring costumes, lights, singing, dancing and the early days of Salado, all performed by a cast of 50 people. Some of the original cast members are still playing their parts. “There’s a story to it and a love story,” says Jackie. “All the music is original.” Jackie wrote the lyrics but had to get help with the music. She worked with a composer many late nights in a recording studio.

“It took me nine months to write the story. And I still didn’t have the end of it written when we started rehearsals. Cast members would look at the script and wanted to know about how the play would end. I told them just to be patient, that it was coming. Finally I figured out how I was going to end it. The title is Salado Legends.”

One scene is about the Civil War and has black powder rifles and a cannon. Jackie says it’s very noisy. When Salado was first founded, it was a town of teetotalers. Residents were serious about that. When someone tried to open a saloon, it was a big flop. “All the women went to the building, brought chairs and their knitting and sat down in front of the door. Do you think a man would cross that threshold? Of course not. So the saloon moved to a nearby community.”

When Jackie took on the job of running the theater, it had been abandoned and weeds had just about taken over the audience area. That had to be addressed first, then came building sets and getting the theater ready for a show. “There was no place to go but up, so we did.” Jackie’s husband is an engineer and helped design an overall layout of the theater. For those first performances, the audience either sat on grass or bought their lawn chairs. Now there are seats for 600.

“For those first performances I borrowed costumes from Baylor, lights from the Temple Community Center and all kinds of things from several people. Some were afraid to see me coming for fear I’d ask them for something. But we made money with the very first performance, enough to buy lights. And the next performance we made enough to get something else.”

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In Memory.....

Danny Wayne Beasley



Danny Wayne Beasley, age 59, of Sulphur Springs, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 10, 2017, at his home.

Funeral service is scheduled for Friday, July 14, 2017, 10:00 AM at Emory Baptist Church with Rev. Rodney Williams officiating. Interment will follow at South Liberty Cemetery. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday evening 6-8 PM, July 13, 2017, at Emory Baptist Church. Danny was born in Commerce, on May 3, 1958, the son of H.L. "Bill" and Marie Carolyn Speed Beasley. He married Deborah Louise O'Connor in Emory on August 26, 2006. Danny has been the owner/operator of Beasley Land Surveying of Emory since 1993. Danny is a member of Lake Fork Church.

Survivors include: Wife: Debbie Louise Beasley of Sulphur Springs; Sons: Corey Beasley (Alicia) of Rockwall and Jonathan Beasley (Taylor) of Emory; Daughters: Kimberly Crain (Ronny) of Emory, Sarah Jones (Jacob) of Emory, Kalie Beasley of Dallas, and Laura Jackson (Jace) of Ft. Worth; Debbie's children: Marie Sanford (Eric) of Houston and Thomas Rozell (Janie) of Houston; Parents: H.L. "Bill" and Carolyn Beasley of Sulphur Springs; Brothers: Craig Beasley (Kim) of Weatherford and Ricky Beasley (Anita) of Sulphur Springs; Grandchildren: Zac, Joshua, Marcus, Kirbee, Saydee, Kinlee, Harper, Halle, Annabeth, Alex, Ava, Hadley and Beckham is due in October; Loving little 4 legged companion: Cocoa, Numerous other loving family and friends

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